

# CITY OF WEST ALLIS - RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS

## WHY BAGS INSTEAD OF BINS OR CARTS?

The bag-based recycling system is the most cost-effective method of collecting recyclables. Bags provide these benefits:

- More efficient to collect
- Expandable to handle excess recyclables
- Protect materials from blowing away
- Easier to carry than bin
- No need to distribute/maintain inventory
- Cost of carts would have been over \$1 million

## WHY DO WE HAVE TO BUY THE BAGS?

"We", as taxpayers, are the City. If the City gave "free" bags to residents, there would be a cost for this, paid for by your tax dollars. The "free" bags may not be used as effectively, resulting in additional waste and expense. Each resident controls their bag usage and is not paying for carelessness by others.

## WHERE CAN I BUY THE BAGS?

At the time of this printing these retail stores carried the official "blue bags" in Presto® brand cardboard boxes with a round orange seal. You may wish to call before traveling to the store to make sure the bags are in stock. Ask a store clerk if you cannot locate the bags.

- Ace Hardware – 11003 West Oklahoma Avenue
- CVS – 7552 West Oklahoma Avenue
- CVS – 9220 West Greenfield Avenue
- Menards – 2535 South 108 Street
- Pick & Save – 6760 West National Avenue
- Pick & Save – 2625 South 108 Street
- Pick & Save – 11111 West Greenfield Avenue
- Piggly Wiggly – 10282 West National Avenue
- Rupena's – 7641 West Beloit Road
- Walgreens – 6101 West Greenfield Avenue
- Walgreens – 8333 West Greenfield Avenue
- Walgreens – 10725 West Greenfield Avenue
- Walgreens – 2677 South 108 Street
- West Allis Foods – 5909 West Lincoln Avenue

## HOW CAN I SAVE MONEY?

Put your blue bag out for collection only when full. Extend the use of each bag by flattening your plastic and metal containers.

## CAN I RECYCLE WITHOUT USING THE BAGS?

Yes. The Municipal Yard at 6300 West McGeoch Avenue (between Beloit and Becher) accepts recyclables. There are separate containers for paper and metal/glass/plastic.

Municipal Yard Hours (closed Holidays):

7:15-3:00 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
7:15-5:00 - Wednesday  
8:00-3:30 - Saturday

## HOW IS MY REFUSE COLLECTED?

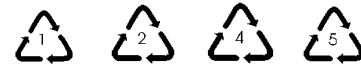
Refuse and recycling are picked up by separate crews, generally on the same day of the week. Refuse is collected **weekly** at the curb or alley edge. Recycling is collected **every other week** at the curb or alley edge. Collections may be affected by holidays and snow emergencies.

## WHAT IF I DON'T RECYCLE AND PUT RECYCLABLES INTO MY REFUSE?

Wisconsin Law and West Allis ordinance prohibits the landfilling of any recyclable. If your refuse has recyclables in it, the refuse will not be collected and you may be subject to a fine.

## WHAT KIND OF PLASTICS WILL BE COLLECTED?

#1, #2, #4 and #5 plastic containers and lids can be recycled- no plastic bags. Look for the recycling triangle on the bottom of the plastic container; the number is inside the triangle.



## CAN I RECYCLE OTHER TYPES OF PLASTICS?

Plastic containers coded #3, #6 and #7 (such as Styrofoam®) should be discarded with the regular refuse. The City is not required to collect these difficult-to-recycle materials. Do not recycle plastic store bags, toys, buckets, flower pots, or dishes.

## WHAT DO I DO WITH YARD WASTE?

**All** yard waste is banned from disposal with regular refuse. Two drop-off sites for brush, leaves, and other yard waste are open for public use. Grass clippings **are not** accepted and should be left on the lawn or composted on-site. A free biweekly city-wide curbside collection of 1 ½ cubic yards of brush operates from March to October (except holiday weeks), coinciding with your recycling week. Yard waste such as leaves and garden debris are collected from the street every spring and fall.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH OLD TIRES AND USED OIL?

Tires are banned from Wisconsin landfills and are not picked up with regular refuse. Tires **without rims** are accepted at the Municipal Yard for a disposal fee. Fees vary by size. Illegal disposal of tires may result in fines and forfeitures of up to \$200. Waste oil is accepted at the Municipal Yard at no charge.

## CAN I RECYCLE ANY OTHER PAPERS?

The City also collects mixed paper curbside. Items such as unwanted mail and thin cardboard boxes (cereal boxes, soda cases, etc.) may be placed with your newspaper and magazines for pick-up on your recycling day. **NO** paperboard egg cartons, trays or dishes.